

GIRDLES THE GLOBE

IS WHAT OUR NEWS-MARY DOES.

CRONJE SURRENDERS

SON OF FAMOUS BOER LEADER
A BRITISH PRISONER.

Klerksdorp. Recently Taken by
Roberts' Men, Is a Position of Con-
siderable Strategic Importance—
New York Tenement Burned.

London: The war office has issued the following dispatch from Roberts:

"Pretoria Residency: Klerksdorp surrendered June 9 to an armed party sent out by Hunter. A messenger from Klerksdorp reports that Cronje, who commanded there, determined to surrender as soon as he knew for certain Pretoria was in our possession. His example has been copied by many in the neighborhood."

By the peaceful occupation of Klerksdorp, announced by Roberts, the British have gained a strategic position of some importance, as the town is not only the terminus of another railroad to Johannesburg, but it is within easy reach of the Kruonstad-Vierfontein railroad. The Cronje who surrendered the place is the son of the famous Gen. Cronje, now a prisoner at St. Helena. The son was prominent during the siege of Mafeking.

STATUS OF PORTO RICO.

Is a Foreign Country so Far as Con-
stitution is Concerned.

New York: Judge William Townsend, in the southern district court of New York, handed down a decision a few days ago in the case of John H. Getz & Co. against the United States, in which he declared the treaty of Paris valid and that the status of the people of Porto Rico is that of inhabitants of a foreign country as regards the constitution of the United States and within the meaning of the tariff acts. Judge Townsend held that Porto Rico is a part of the United States, so far as other countries are concerned, but so far as the constitution of this country is concerned is a foreign country, and that the United States can govern it without subjecting it to the burden of national taxation, and that the status of the inhabitants will remain unchanged until congress shall determine it. The decision affirms the decision of the board of general appraisers assessing a duty of 55 cents per pound on 100 bales of leaf or filler tobacco.

OTIS DAY IN ROCHESTER.

Hero of Philippines Given a Great
Ovation in New York.

Rochester, N. Y.: Otis day, June 15, was a memorable occasion for the people of western New York, who joined in extending a welcome back to his old home of the man who for two years ruled the Philippine Islands. There were at least 100,000 strangers in the city. Gen. Jos. Wheeler reached the city about noon and was given an enthusiastic reception at the railway station. The celebration began with the firing of a major general's salute at sunrise and reached its climax in the military and civic parade which took place in the afternoon. There were fireworks and a band concert during the evening in honor of the general, and the day was brought to a close with a banquet at Powers' Hall.

Charles J. Bissell acted as toastmaster, and after flattering references to the guests of the evening introduced Gen. Otis. Speeches were also made by Gen. Joseph Wheeler, David J. Hill, L.L.D., Hon. J. Sloat Fassett and Hon. James Sherman.

FATAL NEW YORK FIRE.

Ten Lives Are Lost and Seven In-
jured in a Tenement House Fire.

New York: Ten lives were lost and seven people badly injured during a fire which almost totally destroyed a tenement house in Jackson Street early June 16. The fire started in the hallway on the second floor and spread to the fourth and fifth floors, gaining great headway before the people of the house awakened. One man became panic stricken and leaped from a window, killing himself. The deaths of the others were caused by suffocation and burns. The monetary loss is \$7,000. Policeman Knowles distinguished himself by heroic work in rescuing many persons from the building. He was quite severely burned about the face and hands.

ARE NOT MARRIED PERSONS

Divorcees in California Cannot Re-
marry Within Twelve Months.

San Francisco: Judge Belcher has filed an important opinion in which he holds that marriages of persons divorced in this state, consummated within twelve months after the decree of divorce has been made, are invalid, and that in the eyes of the law such persons are unmarried persons. The opinion will be a blow to hundreds of California couples who have married at Reno, Nev., within the past two years under the belief that a marriage outside of the state nullified the law.

Count Laturne Must Go to Canada

Chicago: In the United States court of appeals the order denying Count Laturne Laturne a writ of habeas corpus was affirmed. Laturne will be taken back to Canada, where he is charged with uttering forged coupons at the Montreal branch of the Bank of Nova Scotia.

Not Much Trouble at Leech Lake

Walker, Minn.: There is absolutely no prospect of trouble here with the Indians. The reported wild excitement said to have been caused by the Indian messiah was not considerable. The excitement has now completely subsided.

Train Run into a Street Car

Hutchinson, Kan.: A Santa Fe train ran into and demolished a street car killing Mrs. J. S. Batten and Mrs. William Burch. Mrs. George Known was probably fatally injured.

RIOTS SEEM OVER.

St. Louis Strike Situation Shows
Great Improvement.

St. Louis: All the policemen who have been guarding the property and cars of the transit company since the strike began are now back to their regular beats. The power houses and car sheds will until the strike is over be guarded by deputy sheriffs, of whom there are 2,500 on duty.

The special committee appointed by the Central Trades and Labor Union of St. Louis to solicit from organized labor throughout the world \$100,000 to be used in establishing bus lines in St. Louis, to compete with the transit company was formed by the election of an executive board of the committee of fifty selected to solicit the fund. The committee issued a circular reciting the condition of the present street railway strike, the cause that led to it and the determination to win it by the strict enforcement of the boycott against the transit lines, at the same time providing a means of transportation in a bus line, which will enable all persons to go from place to place as their business demands.

The coroner's jury returned a verdict in the case of Frederick Bohne, shot and killed in a street car riot Sunday, June 10, that Bohne came to his death from a gunshot wound at the hands of Deputy Sheriff Marsh, and that the shooting was provoked by Harry Strecher.

MRS. GLADSTONE DEAD.

Widow of the Great English States-
man Gone.

London: Mrs. William E. Gladstone, widow of the English statesman, died June 14. Margaret Glynn Gladstone, born in Hawarden castle, her father's home, Jan. 6, 1812, has been known, aside from the notice her husband's fame brought her, for her work in philanthropy. During the great cholera epidemic of 1886 she influenced the English upper classes to give liberally of their wealth for the relief of the sufferers. She went personally among the plague patients in the London hospitals, and by her efforts the convalescent homes were established in several English cities. Mrs. Gladstone has been a frequent and always welcome visitor to the charitable institutions of the metropolis.

A SINGLE TAXER DEFEATED.

Missouri Supreme Court Decides
Against John McCann.

Jefferson City, Mo.: Division No. 2 of the state supreme court in an opinion by Judge Burgess has affirmed the judgment of the St. Louis criminal court, which fined John L. McCann, the single tax advocate, \$100 for conducting a real estate business in St. Louis without a license.

Mr. McCann argued his own case in the supreme court on the ground that the ordinance levying a license tax was illegal because it was a violation of the bill of rights. McCann had long defied the authorities, stating that he would go to the work house before he would pay the tax.

FARM HOUSE WRECKED.

Remarkable Escape from Death by
Dynamite Explosion.

Chippewa Falls, Wis.: The farm house of John Peterson, eight miles north of Cadott, was wrecked by an explosion of dynamite. Some unknown party put the explosive under a corner of the house where Mrs. Peterson and three children were sleeping. That side of the house was completely shattered and the bed blown to atoms. How the sleeping occupants escaped is nothing short of miraculous. Their clothing was torn into shreds. Two of the children are severely injured, and Mrs. Peterson is seriously ill from the shock.

FIVE MEET INSTANT DEATH.

Miners, Confused, Rush Into a
Charge of Dynamite.

Biwabik, Minn.: A terrible accident occurred at the Hale mine, three miles from here, in which five men were instantly killed by an explosion of dynamite. A charge of dynamite had been set and the fuse ignited in one of the drifts. When the usual alarm was given to enable the laborers to reach places of safety the five men rushed directly into the drift where the charge was planted and met their death.

SOUTH DAKOTA WRECK.

Northwestern Train Meets with Ac-
cident at Manchester.

Sioux Falls, S. D.: A Northwestern accommodation train was wrecked at Manchester, near Iroquois, on the 14th inst. Several persons were injured, but no one killed.

Porte Notifies Powers.

Constantinople: The porte has notified the various ambassadors that in consequence of their representations it will postpone for a month the application of the new tariff, and after this delay will require certificates showing the country of origin of imported goods.

Over 6,000,000 Given Aid.

Simla, India: Over 6,000,000 persons are now receiving relief. There was an increase in Bombay of 200,000 last week owing to the return of destitute who deserted the works on account of the cholera scare. The prospects of a fair monsoon have somewhat improved.

To Succeed Dr. Andrews.

Chicago: Edwin G. Cooley has been elected by the trustees of the Board of Education to succeed Dr. E. Benjamin Andrews as superintendent of Chicago's public school system. Mr. Cooley is at present superintendent of the Chicago Normal School.

Kills One and Injures Three.

St. Marys, O.: The head of a large boiler at St. Marys' Spoke Works blew out here Wednesday night, killing Wesley Morse, C. A. Gilbert, Jacob McCoy and H. M. Davis were seriously injured. The plant was heavily damaged.

Owes Nearly 100,000.

Pentwater, Mich.: The banking house of Nielson & Co. closed its doors Monday morning. Its liabilities are unofficially estimated at \$75,000 to \$100,000. It is impossible to form an estimate of the assets.

THREE KILLED, EIGHT HURT

A Fatal Fire in a Brooklyn Coop-
erage Establishment.

New York: Three men were killed, eight so badly burned or maimed that they are in the hospital and three other men are missing as the result of a fire in the cooperage establishment of Paul Weidman at North Eleventh Street and Wythe Avenue, Brooklyn. The property loss is estimated at \$25,000. The building was four stories high, and there were over 100 employees in the place when the fire was discovered. Many of these leaped from the windows and made their escape. It is said that at least two score of people dropped before the firemen arrived; when they came many were hanging from the upper windows. August Benedict, a cooper, was hanging out of one of the windows with all his clothing aflame. He held on to the ledge while the ladder was being run up to him. He was so badly burned when taken down that he died half an hour afterward. John M. Lockwood had his chest crushed by a falling timber and died in the Eastern district hospital. The body of the unknown man taken from the burned building was so badly charred that identification was impossible.

GOT WHAT THEY ASKED FOR

McLean Shut Out with Nothing in
Ohio Democratic Convention.

Columbus, Ohio: After a copious session of over nine hours the Democratic state convention adjourned on the 13th inst. It was a slate smashing and record breaking convention. The McLean men said the day before they were asking for nothing, and they certainly got nothing. They helped those who have been opposing them to the place of party distinction and responsibility. It was this free for all situation that brought about the demoralization of the day.

Delegates at Large—James Kilbourne, Abraham W. Patrick, Wm. S. Thomas and Horace L. Kaufman. Alternates—M. O. Burns, John Mcweeney, C. P. Brumback and M. L. Cliburn.

Elected at Large—Isaac R. Sherwood and Gen. A. J. Warner. Secretary of state, H. H. McFadden; judge of the supreme court, Allen Smalley; dairy and food commissioner, Ballard B. Yates; school commissioner, J. D. Simpkins; member of the board of public works, Peter I. Brown.

ECHO OF SPANISH WAR.

Sampson Wins Controversy Over
Santiago Battle.

Washington: The United States court of appeals has passed upon the suit of Admiral Sampson and others under his command at Santiago for prize money on account of the destruction of the Spanish fleet. The court declares that Sampson was commander in chief and Schley commanding officer of a division of the squadron thereof, on duty under orders of Sampson. The Spanish squadron was held by the court to be inferior to the American force and a bounty of \$100 allowed for every officer and man under Admiral Cervera's command. The total amount of bounty allowed is \$165,700, of which Sampson receives \$8,385, and Schley about \$3,000. Besides finding Sampson commander during the battle, the court declares the New York among the vessels engaged.

Returns to Face Charges.

Indianapolis, Ind.: John E. Sullivan, formerly clerk of Marion County, who fled in 1889 under charge of embezzling about \$80,000 of public money, returned to Indianapolis June 15. He came here from Greenville, Ind. He says that after eleven years of wandering he wants to face his accusers.

Lieut. Col. Potter Retired.

Washington: Lieut. Col. Carroll H. Potter of the Twenty-second Infantry has been placed on the retired list on his own request after more than forty years of service. Lieut. Col. Potter was promoted from major of the Fourteenth Infantry.

Two Killed; Eight Hurt.

Atlanta, Ga.: A passenger and accommodation train on the Southern Railway collided ten miles from Atlanta. Engineer Mayfield and Fireman Davis were killed and eight other trainmen injured.

MARKET QUOTATIONS.

Sioux City—Cattle, common to prime, \$2.30 to \$2.40; hogs, \$4.50 to \$5.00; sheep, \$2.25 to \$2.50; wheat, 54c; corn, 20c to 21c; butter, dairy 14c to 16c, creamery, 18c to 20c.

Chicago—Cattle, common to prime, \$3.00 to \$3.50; hogs, shipping grades, \$3.00 to \$3.50; sheep, fair to choice, \$2.00 to \$2.50; wheat, No. 2 red, 72c to 73c; corn, No. 2, 38c to 40c; oats, No. 2, 21c to 23c; rye, No. 2, 51c to 55c; butter, choice creamery, 17c to 18c; eggs, fresh, 10c to 12c; new potatoes, \$2.25 to \$2.50 per barrel.

Indianapolis—Cattle, shipping, \$3.00 to \$3.75; hogs, choice light, \$3.00 to \$3.25; sheep, common to prime, \$3.00 to \$3.50; wheat, No. 2, 72c to 74c; corn, No. 2 white, 39c to 40c; oats, No. 2 white, 26c to 27c; rye, 60c to 62c.

St. Louis—Cattle, \$3.25 to \$3.60; hogs, \$3.00 to \$3.50; sheep, \$3.00 to \$3.50; wheat, No. 2, 73c to 75c; corn, No. 2 yellow, 39c to 41c; oats, No. 2, 22c to 24c; rye, No. 2, 50c to 52c.

Cincinnati—Cattle, \$2.50 to \$2.75; hogs, \$3.00 to \$3.25; sheep, \$2.50 to \$3.00; wheat, No. 2, 70c to 78c; corn, No. 2 mixed, 44c to 46c; oats, No. 2 mixed, 24c to 26c; rye, No. 2, 61c to 63c.

Detroit—Cattle, \$2.50 to \$2.75; hogs, \$3.00 to \$3.25; sheep, \$3.00 to \$3.75; wheat, No. 2, 74c to 75c; corn, No. 2 yellow, 39c to 41c; oats, No. 2 white, 26c to 27c; rye, 60c to 62c.

Toledo—Wheat, No. 2 mixed, 71c to 73c; corn, No. 2 mixed, 40c to 42c; oats, No. 2 mixed, 22c to 24c; rye, No. 2, 58c to 60c; clover seed, new, \$5.25 to \$5.35.

Milwaukee—Wheat, No. 2 northern, 71c to 73c; corn, No. 3, 38c to 40c; oats, No. 2 white, 25c to 26c; rye, No. 1, 56c to 58c; barley, No. 2, 43c to 45c; peck, mess, \$11.50 to \$12.00.

Buffalo—Cattle, choice shipping steers, \$3.00 to \$3.60; hogs, fair to prime, \$3.00 to \$3.50; sheep, fair to choice, \$3.00 to \$3.50; lambs, common to extra, \$4.50 to \$7.25.

New York—Cattle, \$3.25 to \$3.60; hogs, \$3.00 to \$3.50; sheep, \$3.00 to \$3.25; wheat, No. 2 red, 83c to 84c; corn, No. 2, 45c to 46c; oats, No. 2 white, 26c to 27c; butter, creamery, 15c to 19c; eggs, western, 18c to 19c.

STATE OF NEBRASKA

NEWS OF THE WEEK IN A CON-
DENSED FORM.

William Kerr, Prominent Banker
of Hastings, Is Bounced Out of
\$13,000 by the Gold Brick Route
—Other Items of Interest.

William Kerr of Hastings, one of the oldest bankers in Nebraska, has been bounced out of \$13,000 on a gold brick scheme. May 30 a stranger met Mr. Kerr at Hastings. He said he was a friend of his son, Albert Kerr. The stranger said he had discovered a mine of fabulous wealth in Old Mexico. He asked Mr. Kerr to go to Leavenworth, Kan., where he had a specimen of the gold, guarded by an Indian partner, in a cave. There a brick was produced; a portion of it was taken to Kansas City, and the assay showed the brick to be worth \$18,000. A second visit was made to the cave near Leavenworth and the brick was bought. The stranger was to have met Mr. Kerr at Hastings, but he did not appear.

SMALLPOX AT SOLDIERS' HOME

Investigation by City Authorities at
Grand Island.

Dr. Kirby of Grand Island was sent to the Soldiers' Home on the authority of Mayor Platt to investigate rumors of a smallpox case there. Dr. Swigart, the home surgeon, was at first inclined to resist the investigation, but finally consented. Dr. Kirby found Wellington Watkins in the pest house in a state of disquamation, when confinement is said to be most likely. Watkins, who had nursed the first case, had previously been vaccinated, but was affected with a mild attack of the disease.

Dr. Kirby reported back to the city officials that at the present stage of the disease it might spread, but apparently every precaution had been taken at the home. Food has been passed over what soldiers term the "dead line" for the past eight days, and so far as the inmates are concerned quarantine regulations appear to have been upheld since the death of the former victim. The city's board of health, however, are not taking kindly to the idea of withholding the information of the existence of the disease from the official body, not to say the public. Watkins has had a nurse, but as far as reported no medical attention.

FIRE BY LIGHTNING BOLT.

North Nebraska College Building at
Madison Destroyed.

The North Nebraska College building at Madison was struck by lightning June 10 and is now an entire wreck. The college is just outside of town and six squares from the water system, so the fire department could do nothing. A furious electrical storm raged for several hours and it was near midnight when a bolt struck the dome. It burned for quite a time before noticed, and when the fire bell tapped was a mass of flame. The building was entirely gutted, leaving the four walls intact. The college has been unoccupied for about five years, but a deal was under way and it looked as though it would be made and school opened this fall. E. A. Whitman of Illinois owns the controlling stock.

After a Christian Scientist.

Dr. B. F. Crummer of the state board of health has formally entered complaint against Mrs. Mary N. Lantry of Omaha for practicing medicine without a license. It is specified that Mrs. Lantry, "an illiterate and unskilled woman," practiced healing arts upon Jeremiah Sedgewick, without either a diploma from a recognized medical college or a certificate from the state board of health. No change has been reported in Sedgewick's condition under the care of the Christian scientists.

Miles Will Case Decided.

Judge Thompson of Falls City announced his decision in the Miles will case in favor of Joseph H. Miles, the elder brother and defendant in the suit. By this decision Joseph H. Miles is confirmed in the possession of the bulk of his father's estate of \$3,000,000 and his younger brother Samuel receives only the \$40,000 granted him under the original will.

Death from a Broken Heart.

Marrert Anderson, colored, aged 42, died at Nebraska City last week of what the physicians pronounce a broken heart. Anderson's wife, to whom he was devotedly attached, died Dec. 31 last and since that time he has brooded constantly over her loss. Physicians were consulted and stated that medicine would do him no good.

Death of Child Mother.

Pearl Whitford, the 12-year-old daughter of Andre Whitford, died at Allen last week. At the last term of district court Ob Williams was cleared of the charge of committing a statutory assault upon her. Saturday she gave birth to a nine and a half pound boy, the child dying soon after birth and the child mother soon followed.

Old Cannon Ball Found.

Fred Springer last week dug up on his premises in the eastern part of Fremont an old cannon ball weighing about fifty pounds, which from all appearances had been in the ground for a good many years. There is considerable speculation as to how it came there.

Small Insect in Wheat.

A small green insect is in the wheat heads in the vicinity of Geneva, but has done no harm as yet, though it is causing no little uneasiness. The wheat crop will be a fine one if not injured.

Death of Nebraska Soldier.

Word was received in Plattsmouth last week announcing the death of Hyam G. Robine, Company H, Thirty-ninth infantry at Manila, caused by disease.

Shoots Deputy Sheriff.

John Poyer of Cowles shot Deputy Sheriff Burdick while the latter was serving papers on him. The wound is not serious.

Burglars at Battle Creek.

George Zimmerman's general store at Battle Creek was entered and about \$150 worth of his best shoes stolen. The burglars unlocked the front door. There is no clue to the identity of the robbers, though it is believed they were home parties.

Dismiss Partridge Case.

W. A. Partridge, the man brought to Grand Island from Kansas City on the charge of stealing a horse and buggy from George Brantham, was dismissed on preliminary hearing, the evidence being insufficient to bind him over.

TORNADO AT BEATRICE.

Considerable Damage Done to Prop-
erty by a Twister.

Beatrice was visited on the 12th inst. by a twister which, although small, did considerable damage in the western and northern parts of the city. The cloud, which was funnel shaped, was first observed bearing down from the west, and the storm struck the west end about half a mile from the city limits and tore its way down Court Street, breaking off large trees here and there in its path as though they were straws. Some buildings were picked up and whisked away and shingles blown from the roofs of more substantial houses. One large eight-room house was lifted a couple of feet off the ground and dropped back again on its foundations, while its frightened occupants vainly strove to hold the door shut so that the building might not be carried away. A barn in north Beatrice was blown away and a horse killed in it. The storm moved from the west to east, then northeast, and then executing a complete turn, came down in West Beatrice, passing again over its former route. The twister finally tore away to the north and east. No one was injured during this storm, but many narrow escapes are reported.

A large number of small buildings were demolished and considerable damage done in the vicinity of Sterling. Worl's elevator and engine house were wrecked. Engineer Oscar Cox was caught by a falling wall and probably fatally injured.

A funnel-shaped cloud missed the village of Elk Creek by about eighty rods, but did great damage at the W. J. Blystone farm, where the house was wrecked and barns and outbuildings blown away. The family took refuge in the cellar and escaped. Damage was also done on the farms of K. H. Boone, E. C. Thompson and J. W. Parker. Some of the valuable fruit orchards have been torn to pieces. There was no loss of life.

Ashland Youth Robbed.

While returning home about 10 o'clock at night Ira Miller, the 18-year-old son of Councilman John N. Miller of Ashland, was held up by two footpads near E. A. Wigenhorn's residence on Oak Street. One of the robbers drew a revolver on young Miller. They secured about \$15.50 in change and escaped in the darkness. There is no clue to the marauders, as the darkness was so intense that Miller could not distinguish either of his assailants.

Crane Joins His Family.

Frank Crane of Wakefield, whose mysterious disappearance for ten years and unlooked for reappearance last spring have aroused a great deal of curiosity, returned again on June 12 to remain and will make his home with his family, one mile south of town, on the fine farm belonging to them. The public is no better informed now than it was at first of the reasons for Mr. Crane's remarkable and long continued absence from home.

Dr. George Found Guilty.

The jury in the case of the state of Nebraska against Dr. P. S. George of Lincoln for practicing medicine without the necessary qualification, brought in a verdict of guilty in the district court at Pawnee City, and he was sentenced to pay a fine of \$50 and costs of suit and remain in the hands of the sheriff till fine and costs are paid. Sentence was suspended, however, for the present on condition that he cease to practice medicine in that locality.

Farmer Killed by Lightning.

Chris Sasse, a well known farmer living near Fremont, met a terrible death. While riding home in his wagon he was struck by lightning and his body was so badly burned that it lost all resemblance to that of a human being. It was about 7 o'clock in the evening and he was half a mile east of Dodge when a storm overtook him.

Baby Instantly Killed.

In a runaway southeast of Union the 3-month-old baby of D. C. Larue was instantly killed. Mrs. Walker Jones was so badly hurt that she will probably die, and Mrs. Larue was seriously injured. The families were returning from a visit to the country when the horses became frightened.

Firecrackers Prohibited.

The city council of Beatrice passed an ordinance prohibiting the sale or firing of firecrackers within the city limits.

Nebraska Short Notes.

The Methodists of Bladine have dedicated a new church.

Giltner Catholics are raising money to build a church.

The Long Pine Chautauqua will open Aug. 3, 1900, at Long Pine, Neb.

The Congregationalists of Neligh have placed a new pipe organ in their church.

The Populist representative convention for the Sixty-seventh district will be held at Palisade July 20.

Four Heckman boys had lots of fun playing a slot machine with lead nickels until the proprietor caught them.

The Catholics of Hartington are figuring on building an addition to their church and erecting a parochial school.

The people of Franklin have resolved there shall be no dancing at the Fourth of July celebration. What is the barfooted boy to do when he steps on a lighted firecracker?

The Northeast Nebraska Grand Army of the Republic reunion will be held at Pierce July 10, 11, 12 and 13. Indications point to the largest attendance in the history of the association. Speakers of national reputation will be secured.

The potato crop of Colfax County this year will be enormous. Nearly every farmer has a large patch which will yield far more than he will need for his own use. In addition to the large acreage a phenomenally large yield is an assured fact.

The Farmers' Twine Association is the latest York County organization. The object of the organization is to buy twine at wholesale in carload lots, saving middlemen's commission.

John Reed, a farmer near Alma, took in a hay tramp and offered to give him a home. The boy appeared overjoyed, but the next Sunday, while the family was at church, the boy attached himself to a watch and \$5 belonging to Mr. Reed, a bicycle belonging to a neighbor, and skipped.

The body of Floyd Meredith, the 12-year-old son of Richard Meredith, who was drowned in the Missouri River at Nebraska City three weeks ago, was found near Nemaha City last week.

The dwelling occupied by L. W. Nelson and family, five miles south of Plattsmouth, near J. W. Hesser, took fire from a stovepipe in the second story and the entire building and contents were consumed. The building owned and occupied by his father, Isaac Nelson, and family caught fire from the flames and went up in smoke. Loss estimated at \$3,000, with no insurance, as the old policy had lapsed a few days previous.

CHINA'S END IN SIGHT

IMPRISONED EMPEROR INVITES
FOREIGN PROTECTORATE.

Such an Action Would Mean the Ex-
tinction of the Chinese Empire—
Boxers Burn Christians Alive—Amer-
ican Marines Are Landed.

Events have lately been moving at a rapid pace in China. With 4,000 Russians marching on Peking and the small forces under the admirals, Americans joining, co-operating in this movement, it is evident, says a correspondent, that a crisis is at hand which may have big and unexpected results and denouements.

Marines of the thirty-one ships of war of all nations now in Chinese waters have a big job cut out for them if they undertake to protect all the foreigners in China. As a matter of fact they cannot do it, and Russia is the only country with the necessary military force on call that can effectively deal with the situation.